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SUBJECT: INTERIOR SEEKING LEADER GRANT OR SIMILAR PROGRAM
FOR PROPOSED INVITEE.

1. DURING VISIT TO CARACAS IN FEBRUARY 1977, INTERIOR
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE DAVID MCGRATH DISCUSSED WITH
AMBASSADOR VAKY INTERIOR'S INTEREST IN INVITING VENEZUELAN
NATIONAL PARKS DIRECTOR MARCELLO GONZALES TO TAKE CONDUCTED
TOUR OF U.S. PARKS AND REFUGES AND EXAMINE U.S. CONSER-
VATION SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES.

2. AS YOU KNOW, DR. GON7ALEZ IS FAIRLY NEW TO THE FIELD OF
NATURAL PARKS AND HAS NOT HAD MUCH OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY
SYSTEMS OUTSIDE VENEZUELA. WHEN MCGRATH SUGGESTED TOUR OF
U.S. PARKS DURING FEBRUARY VISIT, GONZALE, RESPONDED WITH
DEFINITE INTEREST AND FELT THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE
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TO TAKE TIME AWAY FROM WORK FOR THIS PURPOSE SOME TIME
DURING THE PERIOD JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1977.

3. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BELIEVES VISITS TO SELECTED U.S.
PARKS, WILDLIFE REFUGES, ETC. AND EXPOSURE TO U.S. NATURE
CONSERVATION SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES COULD BE VERY HELPFUL
TO DR. GONZALEZ IN PLANNING AND MANAGING VENEZUELAN PARKS

AND RESERVES. WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTION ON NATURE PROTECTION AND WILDLIFE PRESERVATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. VENEZUELA'S COOPERATION IN LATTER AND ITS SPONSORSHIP OF TRAINING CENTER FOR PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL ARE FACTORS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IN THIS REGARD.

4. INTERIOR DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EXPENSE. PAID TOUR, HOWEVER, AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF EMBASSY ALSO INCLUDE HIM IN LEADER GRANT OR SIMILAR PROGRAM AS MENTIONED BY MCGRATH DURING DISCUSSIONS AT EMBASSY IN FEBRUARY. DR. GONZALEZ IS REGARDED AS VERY A;LE TECHNOCRAT LIKELY TO MOVE ON AND UP WITHIN GOV.

5. IF EMBASSY UNABLE INCLUDE DR. GONZALEZ THIS SUMMER, INTERIOR WOULD LIKE TO INVITE HIM TO COME ON HIS OWN GOVERNMENT'S RESOURCES AND WOULD PROVIDE ESCORT, BRIEFINGS, TOURS, AND ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WITHIN STATUTORY AUTHORITY. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS ROBERT HERBST WOULD EXTEND INVITATION BY LETTER TO DR. GONZALEZ.

6. PLEASE FURNISH ANY RELEVANT ADVICE AND COMMENT YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS INITIATIVE AND ADVISE WHETHER AND HOW EMBASSY MAY WISH PARTICIPATE. CHRISTOPHER

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